The Bulletin

Message from the Principal

A special school assembly took place yesterday and it was affectionately termed, ‘The Changing of the Guard.’ "Why that phrase?" you may well be thinking and here is the explanation. Our Grade Five students were presented with their leadership badges ready for the roles they will be undertaking in 2014. It was rather a poignant ceremony because they were presented with their badges by our current Grade Six leaders. The assembly was student lead, with our Ambassadors group doing wonderful work, taking control of proceedings. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Ambassador Leadership Team of Zoe, Josh, Max, Matthew, Clem, Grace, Angelica and Jay. Our New Principal, James Penson was also in attendance and spoke at this ceremony and met a number of parents which was a fitting end to proceedings. A big thank you must go to the following teachers who have worked with both year levels and organised the assembly - Jacki Hopkins, Andrew Wood, Melissa Hayes and Clare Conner.

Tomorrow night there is another event where Kew PS will no doubt shine! It is the Peppercorn BBQ, organised by our hard working PTA parents and it will have an international flavour this year. Throughout the day the students will attend several workshops where they will be introduced to African drumming and Bollywood dancing. In the evening they will be showing parents all the dance moves they have learned. The dance troupe, STOMP will lead proceedings in the gym from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. We would like all the students to wear very bright clothing to add to the colour of the evening. Parents please, don some colourful clothing yourselves and come along to what, will no doubt, be a memorable night.

Our school does have a proud history of raising funds for different charities and the Grade Five students are asking for donations of new or used picture story books to give to families in need. Tomorrow night, there will be boxes at the entrances to the school where you can leave donations. Also, if you have students in the Junior School building you will have noticed a large pile of student chairs that are in excess. I was able to arrange for Rotary to collect most of these chairs and they will be shipped to East Timor very shortly.

Student reports are being sent home on Monday 16th December and please note that inside this envelope will be a slip of paper detailing your child’s teacher and classroom for 2014. All students will meet their 2014 teachers and class members on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00pm.

50 cent sale in the Library

Pre-loved books.
Recess and lunch on Tuesday 17th.
Bring 50c to pick a few books.

Kew Primary School Blog

The last KPS blog for 2013 is up.
Check it out here:
Jacqui Tomlins

www.kewps.vic.edu.au

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Funding, Communication & Marketing (FCM) Sub Committee update

Prep Parent Buddy Program
Kew Primary School is introducing a Prep Parent Buddy for 2014 to support parents with preps new to the school. If you are interested in registering to be a buddy for a new prep parent, please return the form to your class teacher or the office by Monday 16th December 2013.

Running Track Update
Lap-a-thon
Thank you to parents and students for supporting the lap-a-thon. The school made $7,300 which is fantastic. The Adidas prizes will be distributed to students next week. Thanks again to the Year 6 Leadership team, Andrew Wood and Erin Willett for organising the event.

Parent Donation
KPS will receive the full $15,000 donation from a very generous Kew Primary family towards the running track.

Bendigo Bank Grant
The Kew and Kew East Community Bank® branches and Community Enterprise Foundation™ have awarded KPS a grant of $11,000 towards the running track as part of the Kew and Kew East Community Grants Program Rd 2. KPS is incredibly thankful to Bendigo Bank for their generous support. Bendigo Bank will present the school with a cheque at assembly in the new year.

The total money raised towards the running track is now $33,300 – we are halfway there!

Julie Coleman
Funding, Communications & Marketing Sub Committee

Leftover Outdoor Paint!
Year 6 would love any donations of outdoor paint you have lying around. Any colours will be great! Including neutral weather proofing undercoat for use on woodwork.

Year 6 Graduation
Date: Monday 16th December
Dinner: for students, to arrive at school by 5.15pm
Ceremony: parents/family to be seated by 6.45pm

Junior Athletics Day
is on the 18th of December. Students should wear house colours to school. We hope all parents can come and cheer on their child. Children will be competing in a variety of modified athletics events. It is from 12:00pm till 3:30pm on the KPS courts and oval.
Year 6 Physical Action team.

A BIG thank you!! to all the wonderful families that have donated clothes to the Uniform Shop this year - with your support, we have managed to raise just over $3500!!

So thanks to you, (and of course all our wonderful customers!) the PTA have been able to purchase 10 new trestle tables with some of these funds. Yes! the old HEAVY, broken wooden ones will be thrown out! Many thanks.

Nikki M

* Are you leaving the school at the end of 2013??.... the Second Hand Uniform Shop welcome donations of pre loved School Uniforms. (Including sports tops and school bags). Donations can be left at the school office.